

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2008. The Applicant respectfully requests favorable action.

Claims 35-40, 46, and 49-62 are now pending in the case.

No claims have been amended.

Claims 23-34, 41-45 ad 47-48 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 49-62 have been added.

Election/Restriction.

At paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the claims into 4 Species. The Examiner characterizes the Species as,

Species 1: "A method for auto configuring layer three device comprises requesting overall IP address and receiving proffered IP address for plurality of interfaces;"

Species 2: "A method for auto-configuring layer three device comprises requesting one or more IP addresses for respective interface and receiving proffered IP address for the respective interface;"

Species 3: "A method for auto-configuring layer three device comprises requesting one or more IP addresses for an interface lacking connectivity to the server;"

Species 4: "A method for automatically reassigning a new subnet to a sub network having an existing subnet."

The Applicant elects Species 3 without traverse. Species 3 includes originally pending claims 35-40 and 46. Further, newly added claims 49-62 are directed to Species 3.

Should the Examiner believe a telephonic interview would be helpful in the disposition of this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

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